

today's hot line

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what's inside

We Endorse

In today's edition, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer endorses candidates for Monday's Farmington Board of Education election. Pictures and summary of each candidate are also given plus announcement of one candidate's "withdrawal" and preferred choices of Farmington teachers.

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Copout Hinted

Farmington city councilmen approved two representatives to serve on an area drug abuse committee and hinted the city might not contribute the \$3,000 budgeted for that purpose unless the school district donates cash. Some councilmen feel the schools should donate money as well as staff and school facilities.

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Act On Reports

While votes are being counted for Monday's school election, trustees will be meeting to act on the minority understanding report and report card study. Copies are available to the public before the board meeting and will be distributed Monday night.

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For Clarenceville

The little school district that other papers forget has full coverage in your hometown newspaper. First, there's the story of how the school board voted on political clubs on the back page of this section. Then there's coverage of a meeting at which all the school board candidates spoke-along with our endorsements.

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Voters Will Decide Monday On 3 School Trustees

Three terms on the Farmington Board of Education will be filled Monday at the district's regular election.

Eight candidates have filed for the two four-year terms and one one-year term. Three of the candidates are incumbents.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters in Precinct 1 will cast their ballots in Farmington Junior High at 33000 Thomas; Precinct 2, in O.E. Dunckel Junior High at 32800 12 Mile; Precinct 3, in Eagle Elementary School at 29410 14 Mile; and Precinct 4, in Middlebelt Elementary School at 24400 Middlebelt.

The three Farmington school board positions, plus two terms on the board of Oakland Community College, are the only matters to be decided by voters.

THE THREE incumbents seeking re-election to the Farmington school board are: Mrs. Patricia M. Smith of 26479 Greythorne. John M. Washburn III of 21044 Birchwood and Richard W. Frankel of 30300 Rockshire.

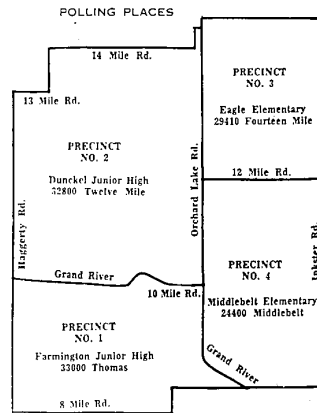
Frankel and Mrs. Smith are candidates for the two four-year terms along with James A. Platt of 21039 Meadowlark, Katheran Stirling of 38014 S. Farm Lane, Ronald W. Emmitt of 28367 Ridgebrook and Francis Milliken of 22376 Gill Road.

Washburn and Mrs. Irene F. Rogalla of 32350 Craftsbury are the candidates for the one-year term.

IN LAST YEAR'S regular election, only 2,839 ballots were cast, about 10% of the district's total registration.

Also on the ballot will be a contest for two six-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College. Seven persons, including the two incumbents, are seeking the positions.

The incumbents are Dave Preston of Birmingham and Earl Anderson of Madison Heights. Other candidates are Raymond M. Genick of Huntington Woods, Charles P. Holmes of Bloomfield Hills, Eugene L. Johnson of Pontiac, Alexander J. Kloster of Bloomfield Hills and Donald F. Loper of Pontiac.



For Kid's Sake -- Vote!



"HOW DO WE REACT?" -- Dr. Arthur Jalkanen, chairman of the Oakland County Drug Abuse Committee, sums up his remarks at the final session of a series on drug abuse. Jalkanen is dean of students at the Auburn Heights campus of Oakland Community College. (Evert photo)



SHARING -- Laurie Carnahan (left) hands out materials at the final session of the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary's informational series on drugs. The third session attracted about 100 persons to the Farmington High School Auditorium Wednesday evening. (Evert photo)

Jalkanen Challenges Community Effective Drug Tool Is Caring

By WYLIE GERDES

The chairman of the Oakland County Drug Abuse Committee recommended Wednesday night in Farmington, a "Messianic kind of zeal" to combat drug abuse.

Dr. Arthur Jalkanen spoke at the third and final session on drug abuse sponsored by the Farmington Junior High Schools and Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary. His topic was "How Do We React?"

JALKANEN EMPHASIZED the sharing involved with youths and the religious aspect of the drug culture.

"Drug use has taken on the aspect of a religious activity. This is the primary factor in the spread of drug use in the past two or three years," Jalkanen said.

The dean of students at the Auburn Heights Campus of Oakland Community College said person-to-person relationships aren't likely to stop the spread of drug use.

"Your physician is your community. Your hospital is going to be your community," Jalkanen said.

"You're going to have to get these kids to start sharing (non-drug culture)," he commented. "You ain't gonna buy your way out of this one."

JALKANEN, who has studied drug use since 1962 and counsels drug users, was head of the committee which recommended formation of "awareness houses" in Oakland County communities.

The awareness houses would be staffed by a full time director and supported by a combination of county and local funds.

The main function of awareness house organizations would be to coordinate anti-drug use activities in the community.

Drug abuse is a new social problem, he said, and there is no system to deal with it.

"I'm not sure that the school system can deal with the total problem of drug use. Certainly police can't be responsible for what's happening in our homes," he said.

ONE ORGANIZATION in a community should have coordination of anti-drug use activities as its primary function, he said.

"I've found some things that work, others that don't. One thing I've found to always be effective -- that's caring," Jalkanen noted.

The educator and author also explained some of the research he has done in the drug abuse field. He discussed stages a user goes through.

"You just don't plunk in and start using drugs," he said. "The nature of use is sharing."

"The first stage, he said, is awareness of drugs and where to get them.

"It could be a two or three-year-old youngster; it could be the guy next door who works at Ford," Jalkanen said. Immediately, he added, one group of persons decides not to use drugs. Another group goes further.

Jalkanen's next stage is forming peer group associations with others connected with drugs. Certain youngsters, he said, also leave the groups quickly, possibly caused by a new friendship in another group or other personal reasons.

The third stage is exploration, he commented. The

youngster begins to use drugs and, again, some youngsters drop out after limited exploration.

THE FOURTH STAGE is continued exploration, he said.

"A part and parcel of continued exploration is the concept of sharing," Jalkanen noted.

He added those who say "let's just get the pusher" ignore the sharing.

"What I'm suggesting is a pusher is also a sharer."

USE OF DRUGS as a recreation is the next stage, he said.

He described recreational use as "a group cultural experience. It'll occur when the gang's all there."

Passive recruitment is the next stage, the educator said.

A user will push drugs "just to get money to pay the rent," then stop, he said.

He noted many programs for heroin addicts fail because the full time work of being an addict is ignored.

"The process of non-using requires a substitute activity to slip in," he said.

"Users say, 'All I've got time to do during the day is get stoked up,'" Jalkanen commented.

The next step is dependency formation, Jalkanen said the user becomes dependent on a specific group of friends and a specific number of places to go.

After the dependency stage, he said, some users signate. They go to the same places and use the same drugs over and over.

ACTIVE PUSHING and psychological-psychological dependency follow.

Lichtman Gets Position

Gary Lichtman, vice president of the Farmington Board of Education, has been elected to the board of the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

The county intermediate district provides resource materials and cooperative buying services for the 28 school districts in Oakland County.

The unit also distributes proceeds from the county property tax for special education.

LICHTMAN WAS elected to a six-year term on the intermediate district's board.

He topped five other candidates in balloting for two six-year terms. Each school district in the county cast one vote for the board members.

The 31-year-old Farmington resident will be the youngest member ever to sit on the intermediate district board, as he was the youngest member of the Farmington Board of Education when elected two years ago.

The vice president of the Farmington board will be one of three new faces on the intermediate district's board.